


April 26, 2006

Charles Terreni
Chief Clerk and Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Synergy Office Park
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. v. Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Docket No.: 2005-180-E
SGSL No.: 5793/1501

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing with the Public Service Commission please find the original and one copy of SCE&G' and Aiken Electric's Joint Motion for Stay and Continuance in the above-referenced matter. This Motion was electronically filed earlier today. Please return  one clocked copy in the envelope provided.

By copy of this letter and as evidenced by the Certificate of Service I am serving all parties with the same.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Sincerely,


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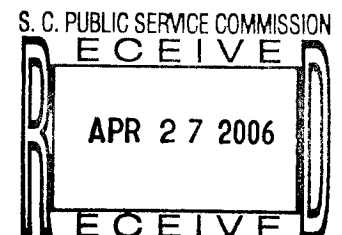
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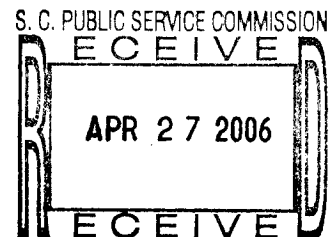


BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO.: 2005-180-E

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company)	
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Complainant,)	SOUTH CAROLINA ELECTRIC
)	& GAS COMPANY AND AIKEN
vs.)	ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC'S
)	JOINT MOTION FOR STAY
)	AND CONTINUANCE
Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc.)	
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Defendant.)	
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Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-840, Complainant, South Carolina Electric & Gas Company ("SCE&G"), AND Defendant, Aiken Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Aiken"), submit this joint motion for an immediate sixty (60) day stay in the above-captioned matter and a continuation of the merits hearing scheduled for June 7, 2006. In support of this Motion, SCE&G and Aiken respectfully would show unto this Commission as follows:

1. In the Docketing Letter issued on March 7, 2006 in this Docket, the Commission established the following deadlines: SCE&G is required to file direct testimony and exhibits on or before May 10, 2006 and the direct testimony of Aiken and ORS is to be filed on or before May 24, 2006. The rebuttal testimony of SCE&G is to be filed on or before May 31, 2006, and surrebuttal testimony of Aiken and ORS is to be filed on or before June 5, 2006. The hearing in this Docket is currently scheduled for June 7, 2006.



2. Currently, SCE&G and Aiken have discussions underway that may impact this case and believe an additional sixty days is necessary to continue those discussions. Given that this sixty day time period encompasses the scheduled merits hearing and all of the pre-filing deadlines for testimony, at the conclusion of those discussions, SCE&G and Aiken will request the Commission issue a Docketing Letter with new deadlines and reschedule the merits hearing for date and time agreeable to the Commission and all parties to this Docket.

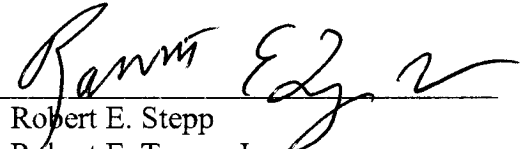
3. SCE&G and Aiken concur that all legal rights each party would assert are preserved during the sixty day stay and agree that the neither Party will make any filing with the Commission during this sixty day stay of any pleading unless consented to by all Parties.

4. Counsel for SCE&G and Aiken have communicated with counsel for ORS about this request, and ORS stated it has no objection.

5. For the foregoing reasons, SCE&G and Aiken request that the Commission stay all deadlines in this matter for sixty days and continue the merits hearing indefinitely.

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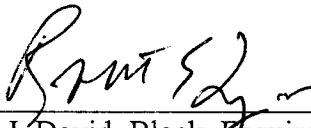
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I, the undersigned employee of the law offices of Sowell Gray Stepp & Laffitte, L.L.C., attorneys for South Carolina Electric & Gas Company do hereby certify that I have served a copy of the pleading(s) hereinbelow specified via electronic mail and regular mail as indicated to the following address(es):

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